

**Exhibit A**

**Clean Version of The Pending Claims in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/899,513**

5. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid expression vector comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- (b) hybridizes to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof under highly stringent conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and 1 mM EDTA at 65°C and washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1%SDS at 68°C.

6. An isolated nucleic acid expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

7. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 6.